



Program Year 2015 Meaningful Use Guidance for Kentucky Public Health Reporting and Attestation: Stage 1

The Kentucky Health Information Exchange (KHIE) is the designated public health authority (PHA) for the state of Kentucky for the purposes of meaningful use public health reporting.

KHIE provides support for the following Stage 1 meaningful use public health objectives:

- Capability to submit electronic data to the Kentucky Immunization Registry
- Capability to submit electronic data on reportable lab results to the Kentucky Department of Public Health (DPH)
- Capability to submit electronic syndromic surveillance data to CDC's cloud-based model, BioSense 2.0

General Attestation Guidance

All eligible professionals (EPs), eligible hospitals (EHs), and critical access hospitals (CAHs) must have a signed Participation Agreement and signed addendum(s) on file with KHIE for each public health objective selected for attestation. Note that the agreements and their associated addenda must be signed by all providers prior to the end date of the Meaningful Use reporting period, regardless of whether they claim any exclusion(s) for any public health objectives. The addendums include: Immunization Registry Authorization, Syndromic Surveillance Authorization, and Disease Surveillance Authorization.

These signed legal agreement(s) represent your registration of intent to submit electronic data and follow-up submission with the state of Kentucky, if the test is successful.

EHR Incentive Program year 2015 participants that claim an exclusion for public health reporting are responsible for ensuring they meet the qualifications and retain any documentation that fully supports their attestation choice.

CMS EHR Incentive Program policies require participants to select at least one public health objective from the Meaningful Use menu set. Public health exclusions do not prevent participants from achieving Meaningful Use. However, CMS encourages EPs and EHs to attest YES to a public health objective, if applicable, rather than claiming an exclusion.

Attestation Guidance

Participants who are live on KHIE for public health data submission at the time of attestation must select YES to the public health reporting objective and upload the Go-Live Approval form to the Kentucky Medicaid EHR Incentive Program attestation website as proof for status. Do not claim any exclusions associated with the objective. The form itself indicates the type of feed (immunizations, syndromic surveillance and reportable diseases) that is live with ongoing submission. Note that if you attest to



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more than one public health objective and the data feeds go live on different dates, you will receive more than one Go-Live approval form from KHIE.

In accordance with CMS FAQ 8910, program participants in subsequent years of Stage 1 will not be required to submit a test message because additional action by the provider toward follow-up submission is not deemed beneficial.

For additional Meaningful Use guidance, please refer to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.